

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

Mass Workforce Issuance

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☐ Policy ☒ Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Board Chairs
Workforce Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: August 19, 2016

Subject: **WIOA Final Rules Published in the Federal Register**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that the Department of Labor / Employment and Training Administration Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Joint Rule for Unified and Combined State Plans, Performance Accountability, and the One-Stop System Joint Provisions Final Rules have been published in the Federal Register and incorporated into the Code of Federal Regulations.

Background: The Department of Labor (DOL or the Department) issues this Final Rule to implement Titles I and III of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Through these regulations, the Department reforms and modernizes the nation's workforce development system. This rule provides the framework for changes for statewide and local workforce development systems to increase the employment, retention, earnings, and occupational skill attainment of U.S. workers, particularly those individuals with barriers to employment, so they can move into good jobs and careers and provide businesses with the skilled workforce needed to make the United States more competitive in the 21st Century global economy.

The WIOA Final Rules become effective 60 days after publication in the Federal Register – October 18, 2016.

Action

Requested: Please share this information with management, staff and partners as appropriate.